

EXTENDING THE VISION

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“But the LORD says, ‘Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already -- you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there.’”

Isaiah 43:18-19 (GN)

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

1. The kingdom of God is _____
“And people will come from all over the world -- east and west, north and south -- to take their places in the Kingdom of God.” Luke 13:29 (NLT)

2. The kingdom of God is _____
“The Kingdom of God is not just talking; it is living by God’s power.” 1 Corinthians 4:20 (LB)

3. The kingdom of God is _____
“Since we have a Kingdom nothing can destroy, let us please God by serving him with thankful hearts and with holy fear and awe.” Hebrews 12:28 (LB)

4. The kingdom of God is _____
“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14 (ESV)

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

1. He shared the _____ with other people.
“Jesus went all over Galilee. He taught in the synagogues and spread the Good News of the kingdom. He also cured every disease and sickness among the people.” Matthew 4:23a (GW)

2. He _____ leaders.
“And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach.” Mark 3:14 (ESV)

3. He helped the _____
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted and to announce that captives shall be released and the blind shall see, that the downtrodden shall be freed from their oppressors, and that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him.” Luke 4:18 (LB)

4. Jesus cared for the _____
"He also cured every disease and sickness among the people." Matthew 4:23a (GW)

5. He taught the _____
"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14 (ESV)

God, what do You want our church to do next?

THE FIVE GLOBAL PROBLEMS

- Global Problem #1: Spiritual _____
- Global Problem #2: Egocentric _____
- Global Problem #3: _____
- Global Problem #4: _____
- Global Problem #5: Illiteracy and _____

THE P.E.A.C.E. PLAN

- P. _____
- E. _____
- A. _____
- C. _____
- E. _____

HOW DO WE GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL?

1. We have to adopt _____
"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

2. Abandon all _____
"Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God." Luke 9:62 (LB)

3. We ask in _____
“Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.”
Mark 10:27 (NLT)

4. We have to answer _____
“‘And now,’ GOD says, ‘this God who took me in hand from the moment of birth to be his servant, to bring Jacob back home to him, to set a reunion for Israel -- What an honor for me in GOD’s eyes! That God should be my strength!’ He says, ‘But that’s not a big enough job for my servant -- just to recover the tribes of Jacob, merely to round up the strays of Israel. I’m setting you up as a light for the nations so that my salvation becomes global!’”
Isaiah 49:6 (MSG)

GOD’S CALL FOR YOU TODAY
There’s four possible responses to God’s call

- You can be like Moses and say “ _____ ?”
- You can be like Jonah who said “ _____ ”
- You can be like Habakkuk who said “ _____ ?”
- Or you can be like Isaiah who said “ _____ !”